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In re Application of)
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For: PRODUCTION OF LINEAR ALKYL)
BENZENE)
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AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 26, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.